



8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit A to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date of Exhibit A	Name and Title	Signature
June 23, 2016	Melissa Laurenza, Partner	/s/ Melissa Laurenza <span style="float: right;">eSigned</span>

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit B to Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

**INSTRUCTIONS.** A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <http://www.fara.gov>.

**Privacy Act Statement.** The filing of this document is required for the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide the information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: <http://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <http://www.fara.gov>.

**Public Reporting Burden.** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .33 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterespionage Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant  Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	2. Registration No.  3492
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3. Name of Foreign Principal

Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Maldives to the United Nations

Check Appropriate Box:

4.  The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5.  There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6.  The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.  
Represent the Republic of Maldives before the U.S. government on issues of importance such as trade and economic development, foreign investment, climate change and regional security.

8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Outreach and communications with U.S. government officials and media regarding ongoing priorities of the Republic of Maldives.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes  No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

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Footnote: "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

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June 1, 2016

His Excellency Ambassador Sareer  
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations  
801 Second Avenue, Suite 202E  
New York, NY 10017  
United States of America

Re: Terms of Engagement

Dear Ambassador Sareer:

I am pleased to confirm our representation of The Republic of Maldives in connection with counsel on all public policy issues related to the United States Congress and the Administration. The firm appreciates your confidence in us, and we look forward to working with you.

At the beginning of our representation of a client, the firm's policy is to describe the manner in which we will bill for public law and policy services and disbursements. A clear understanding of those matters helps to maintain a harmonious professional relationship. I encourage you to consider the matters set forth in this letter carefully and to raise with us any question that you may have now or later about its contents.

We refer matters to those lawyers and public law and policy professionals in this firm who in our judgment can perform the highest quality work, in a timely and efficient manner, and at the lowest cost. We also employ non-lawyer assistants in tasks where lawyers are not necessary, to facilitate the rapid and efficient performance of services.

While I certainly do not expect that you will find the public law and policy representation by this firm to be in any way unsatisfactory, I do encourage you to discuss any problems or questions with me at any time.

For new clients, our firm requires a retainer payment at the outset of the engagement. Accordingly, we will require from you a payment in the amount of USD 55,000.00 prior to the commencement of work on your behalf. The retainer will be maintained throughout the engagement and returned upon completion of our services. We reserve the right to apply the retainer to outstanding statements in the event your account falls into arrears, subject to replenishment of the retainer.

Per our agreement, the representation will be \$55,000 per month. In addition, you agree to reimburse the firm for reasonable expenses, such as the costs of travel undertaken on your

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behalf, provided that we obtain your prior approval of any expense in excess of USD \$250. The firm understands you will not be responsible for certain routine internal costs, such as those for independent paralegal work or computer research. In cases of uncertainty or confusion, the firm shall secure your prior approval before seeking reimbursement of a particular expense.

This engagement shall be in effect for a period of six months, beginning on the date on which both parties have signed. The engagement may be renewed for an additional six months, provided the firm notifies you at least fourteen days in advance that the initial six-month period of engagement is expiring. The parties may also review the performance of the initial six-month period of engagement and adjust the terms of a renewed engagement, as they find mutually satisfactory. Our standard practice is to bill on a monthly basis. This allows our clients to monitor both current and cumulative fees and expenses. We require that payment of statements be made within 30 days of receipt, and we may suspend or terminate any work in progress if timely payment is not made. We may also withdraw from the representation in a manner consistent with applicable ethical standards. You have the right at any time to terminate our services and representation upon written notice to the firm.

Attached to this letter is our Statement of Firm Policies (the "Statement") that will apply to our representation of you. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Statement and the terms of this letter, the terms of this letter shall control. Please review these policies and let me know if you have any questions concerning them.

If the terms described above and in the attached Statement of Firm Policies are satisfactory to you, please so indicate by signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning the signed copy with the retainer check.

Sincerely,

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP



Apurag Varma

Enclosure



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**AGREED:**

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations

By: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
His Excellency Ambassador Sareer

Date: 1 June 2016